Freedom Fighters' homes

6234. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of freedom fighters, homes set up by Government in the country;

(b) the total number of inmates in each of these freedom fighters' homes, as on the 1st March, 1995; and

(c) what is the procedure for admission into these homes and how many freedom fighters are waiting for admission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Even though it was decided to set up two freedom fighters' homes, one each in Delhi and Pondicherry, presently only one such home is functioning at Baba Kharag Singh Marg, New Delhi with the Central assistance. As on 1.3.1995, there were six inmates in this home.

(c) Accommodation in the freedom fighters home is provided to such of the freedom fighters, who are ailing, infirm or physically handicapped and have no one to look after them. For this purpose, applications in the prescribed proforma are required to be made. Presently four freedom fighters are in the waiting list for admission.

Allotment of land for firing range for Delhi Police

6235. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Police has sent a proposal to the Union Government to allot land in the capital for a firing range;

(b) if so, since when the proposal is lying pending and by when it is likely to be cleared;

(c) whether mandatory firing practice for constables and Head constables of Delhi Police has been totally ignored by Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) On the request of Delhi Police, the Delhi Development Authority had, in September, 1985, earmarked an area of 404.34 acres at Wazirabad for the setting-up of a firing range. Part payment for the land was made and possession of some of the land was taken in June, 1992. In view of resource constraints, Delhi Police have now decided on limiting their requirement of land for the firing range to 70 acres.

(c) and (d) Delhi Police have reported that annual firing practice is being done by each Head Constable and Constable. They are utilizing the Alwar and Narnaul firing ranges for the same.

Sri Lankan Repatriates in India

6236. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Sri Lankan repatriates in India at present and the details of the assistance provided so far, to the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Orissa for relief and rehabilitation during the last three years; and

(b) by when the Sri Lankan repatriates are likely to be sent back?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) As on February 28, 1995, 3,35,426 repatriates together with their natural increase of 1,26,003 persons have been repatriated to India. The following assistance has been provided to the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Orissa for relief and rehabilitation of Sri Lankan repatriates during the last three years:—

Year	Tamil Nadu	Orissa
	(Rs. in lakhs)	
1992-93	217.26	Nil
1993-94	161.95	Nil
1994-95	148.31	Nil

(b) Since the Sri Lankan repatriates are Indian citizens, question of their repatriation back to Sri Lanka does not arise.

Poll violence in Bihar

6237. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of people who died in poll violence in Bihar from the date of notification of polls to the declaration of results, in the recent concluded Assembly Elections; and

(b) the number of people arrested under TADA in Bihar during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Maharashtra's Proposals for Recovery of Expenditure in Deployment of SRPF

6238. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals for recovery of dues from the Central Government in respect of the expenses incurred for the twelve SRPF companies deputed to New Delhi for internal security, from May, 1990 to April, 1993 and for the expenditure incurred on account of joint coastal patrolling by the Maharashtra Government, to be reimbursed from the Government of India;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and the total claims, proposal-wise;

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto and since when the claims are pending and the present status thereof; and

(d) how soon Government would decide in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) A bill for Rs. 11,92,57,205/-has been raised against the Delhi Police for Maharashtra Special Reserve Police Force companies deployed in Delhi for assisting in law and order duties from 2.5.90 to 9.2.93. No bill for forces deployed from 30.3.93 to 30.4.93 has yet been raised.

The Government ot Maharashtra had claimed from the Government of India the reimbursement of expenditure incurred by the former on joint coastal patrolling in 1993-94 and 1994-95 under the Coastal Surveillance Scheme amounting to Rs. 6,19,11,000/-

(b) The requisite information is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The Government of N.C.T. of Delhi have approved the payment of bills raised for the deployment of the MSRPF companies in Delhi from 2.5.90 to 9.2.93. A request has been made by the Delhi Police for allotting additional funds for clearing these bills.

After processing the claims, Government sanction for Rs. 474.14 lacs on special financial assistance to the Government of Maharashtra for financing the Coastal Surveillance Scheme in 1993-94 and 1994-95 was issued in March, 1995.